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POLAND: Continued Stalemate Predicted

A senior party official believes that there will be little significant political activity in the next several months.

A Central Committee department head [redacted] commented that the government, the Church, and Solidarity are stalling for time and that little political movement could be expected until late spring. He said the regime had not yet decided on whether or how to begin a dialogue with Solidarity and predicted that Premier Jaruzelski would open talks only if he were reasonably certain of a favorable outcome. [redacted]

The official indicated that the Church prefers to wait and see whether there will be an upsurge of resistance this spring. Government officials who have talked with Solidarity chief Walesa say that he believes time is on his side. [redacted]

Comment: The stalemate could last beyond spring, depending primarily on the level of open resistance in the coming months. There have been almost no indications that Solidarity is planning a major confrontation with the regime in the next few months, although the possibility of scattered outbursts remains high. [redacted]

If the widely anticipated resistance does not materialize, the moderates in the government will have a better chance of maintaining their influence, but they will not be able to defeat the hardliners totally. An impasse between moderates and hardliners in the regime would preclude any far-ranging political or economic moves that would break the current stalemate. [redacted]

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